

Application No. 09/940,822
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-36 have been canceled, and new claims 37-39 have been added.

New method claim 37 has been added based on, for example, Fig. 3; new method claim 38 has been added based on Figs. 5-7; and new system claim 39 has been added based on Figs. 1-7. See also the disclosure in the specification at, for example, pages 16-26.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that new claims 37-39 be approved and entered.

THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 1-36 were rejected under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 as being anticipated by or obvious in view of various ones and combinations of USP 6,493,104 ("Cromer et al"), USP 6,405,049 ("Herrod et al"), USP 6,348,972 ("Taniguchi et al"), USP 5,228,118 ("Sasaki"), USP 6,553,240 ("Devarics"), USP 6,779,019 ("Mousseau et al"), and USP 6,467,709 ("Salomon"). These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed with respect to new claims 37-39 set forth hereinabove.

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Conventional portable communication terminals must independently first download and then print images, since they cannot browse and print images simultaneously.

As explained hereinbelow, according to the claimed present invention, desired images are selected on a server via a portable communication terminal and are associated on the server with the portable communication terminal such that a printer may access the server through the portable communication terminal and download and print the images.

According to the present invention as recited in each of new independent claims 37-39, thumbnail images are displayed on a portable communication device, and at least one of the images is selected, to select a corresponding image(s) on a server. The selected image is related with the caller's number of the portable communication terminal and stored in association with the caller's number.

With this structure, as recited in independent claims 38 and 39, even after the portable communication terminal has disconnected from the server, the printer can reconnect to the server through the portable communication terminal and can request that the selected image be transmitted, since the image is associated with the caller's number.

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It is respectfully submitted that none of the cited references disclose, teach or suggest the above described features of the present invention as recited in new independent claims 37-39.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that new independent claims 37-39 clearly patentably distinguish over the cited references, taken singly or in any combination, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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